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VISIT TO INDONESIA

1. SUMMARY: ON RETURN FROM THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO INDONESIA JAN 27, FONMIN VAN DER STOEL TOLD PRESS (A) GOI WAS PREPARED BE MORE FORTHCOMING ON POLITICAL PRISONER ISSUE, (B) GON DELEGATION WOULD SOON VISIT JAKARTA TO DISCUSS RESOLUTION OF SOUTH MOLUCCAN PROBLEM, AND (C) GON HAD NOT REQUESTED GOI FOR INCREASED OIL DELIVERIES, ALTHOUGH OIL QUESTION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY.

2. FONMIN VAN DER STOEL MET PRESS AT AIRPORT JAN 27 ON RETURN FROM THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO INDONESIA. HE SAID GOI WAS WILLING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION THROUGH INDONESIAN RED CROSS ON SITUATION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. GOI WOULD ANSWER "SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIFIC PERSONS, FOR INSTANCE CONCERNING THEIR HEALTH OR THEIR TRIAL." FONMIN TERMED GOI'S WILLINGNESS MAKE SUCH INFORMATION AVAILABLE "POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT" AND SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED POLITICAL PRISONER QUESTION WITH BOTH UNCLASSIFIED

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INDONESIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL *LI SAID AND SECURITY CHIEF

GENERAL SUMITRO. PRESSED ON ABSENCE REFERENCE TO POLITICAL PRISONERS IN COMMUNIQUE, FONMIN SAID HE DID NOT WISH TO ELABORATE ON POLITICAL PRISONER TALKS SINCE "ON THE WHOLE I FEEL THAT ANY ACTIVITIES BY THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT ON QUESTIONS LIKE THESE SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN A CONFIDENTIAL ATMOSPHERE."

3. FONMIN SAID GON WILL SEND OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO INDONESIA SHORTLY TO DISCUSS PROBLEM OF SOUTH MOLUCCANS LIVING IN HOLLAND. VAN DER STOEL SAID GON REGARDED THIS QUESTION AS SPECIAL SOCIAL PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED BY GON. FYI: IN INITIAL REACTION TO FONMIN'S STATEMENTS, AMBONESE LEADER MANUSAMA SIAD AMBONESE PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED ONLY BY DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN INDONESIA AND SOUTH MOLUCCAN LEADERSHIP. MANUSAMA, WHO REITERATED AMBONESE DESIRE TO MAINTAIN OWN IDENTITY, CRITICIZED FONMIN FOR FAILING TO CONSULT DIRECTLY WITH AMBONESE, IN CONTRAST TO HIS PREDECESSOR SCHMELZER, END FYI.

4. ASKED BY PRESS WHETHER GON HAD MADE ANY REQUEST FOR INCREASED OIL DELIVERIES, FONMIN SAID ENERGY QUESTION HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BUT ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS. VAN DER STOEL SAID HE HAD BRIEFED HIS INDONESIAN COUNTERPART ON EC DEVELOPMENTS AND EC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE POLICY AND HAD ALSO DISCUSSED TRADE, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION QUESTIONS. FONMIN SAID GON HAD "NOTED" GOI(S) DESIRE THAT CERTAIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL OBJECTS WHICH HAD FOUND THEIR WAY TO HOLLAND IN THE PAST BE RETURNED TO INDONESIA.

5. ADVERTING TO POST-CHRISTMAS SOUTH MOLUCCAN DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE HAGUE IN WHICH AMBONESE HAD BURNED INDONESIAN FLAG, FONMIN SAID THAT GON DEPLORED SUCH INCIDENTS. HE SAID HE WAS PLEASED THAT MISUNDERSTANDINGS ON THIS SCORE HAD BEEN "FULLY REMOVED." VAN DER STOEL SAID HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO INDICATED THIS INCIDENT WOULD NOT HARM GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN INDONESIA AND NETHERLANDS. FONMIN ANNOUNCED HIS INDONESIAN COUNTERPART MALIK HAD ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT HOLLAND AT SOME FUTURE (AND UNSPECIFIED) DATE.

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6. COMMENT: MFA DIRECTOR OF FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS, WHO ACCOMPANIED FONMIN ON INDONESIAN VISIT, IS ON LEAVE. POLCOUNS WILL REVIEW FONMIN VISIT WITH MFA'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS ON HIS RETURN FROM EC FAR EAST EXPERTS MEETING, AND THIS WILL BE REPORTED SEPTTEL. GOULD

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